



## Rock Is Dead; Toobstake Lives

On February 17, Montgomery Bell Academy was blessed by the appearance of three musical prodigies, namely, Charlie Toobstake and the Lonesome Travelers. This group found the time to be with us in their extremely busy schedule of performances around the world. The trio, composed of Charlie Toobstake himself on the string bass, Golden Fingers Greenfield on the five string banger, and Bashful Brother Bob on the starvation box, made a big hit on the "hill" and filled the audience with that good ol' country music sound. Along with them was that famous emcee, T. Jackson Nameth who announces all the gospel songs and revivals in the Nashville area.

In a private interview with Charlie at the autograph table, I asked him how he started his career in country music. He told me that long ago, back in Wartvale, Tennessee, he sold his first pair of shoes for a bass fiddle. He taught himself how to play the bass by freighting in his log cabin. Charlie met Golden Fingers Greenfield playing the banjo at the annual square dance at the Wartvale Co-op. Here Charlie recruited Golden Fin-

gers to join a group which he had planned. Cousin Bob joined when by accident he picked up Charlie and Golden Fingers hitchhiking on the road to Nashville. They threw their instruments into the back of the 1925 Ford pick-up truck and came to Music City. This is truly a success story from rags to riches.

Charlie and the Lonesome Travelers had a slow start but they finally received recognition when they appeared on Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour. From there they proceeded to play to capacity audiences around the world. Incidentally, they have a new record out called *Do Your Knees Knock When the Wind Whistles Through the Out House*.

Perhaps some day this trio will return to MBA to serenade us once again. At the time being, they are on tour in the Far East, playing to 50,000 soldiers of the French Foreign Legion in the Gobi Desert in Inner Mongolia. Some day you can tell your grandchildren that you heard the original Charlie Toobstake and the Lonesome Travelers in person at Montgomery Bell Academy.



Photo by R. Smead

All eyes focus on Charlie T. as he makes melodious music on his monstrous matchbox.

## Nine Students Honored As Merit Finalists

On February 9, 1968, the names of those students who had qualified as National Merit Finalists were released. For the fourteenth consecutive year, or since the inauguration of the National Merit Scholarship Program in 1955, each of MBA's Semi-finalists rose to finalist status. The Class of 1968 had nine students so honored: John Brittingham, Aaron Brown, Ben Byrd, Bill Caldwell, Mike Head, Ricky Levy, Bob Lochte, Steve Neff, and Paul Worley.

These nine now number among the fourteen thousand scholars that compose the top one half of one per cent of the nation's students. Some 2900, or about one in five of these, will be honored as National Merit Scholars later this month and become eligible for scholarship grants of \$100 to \$1500 per year of college work. It is hoped that at least several of these nine at MBA will emerge victorious from this survival of the fittest.

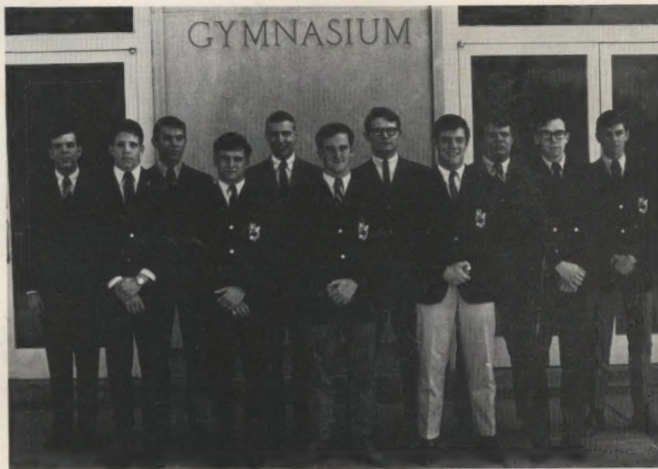


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Seniors and Juniors newly initiated to Totomoi: David Salmon, Brett Kirkpatrick, Barrett Sutton, Chris Riddell, Steve Neff, Tom Roady, Aaron Brown, Mike Tidwell, Sandy Haury, Bob Lochte, Barry Banker.

## Student Leaders Tapped For Totomoi

"Climb high, climb far;  
Your goal the sky  
Your aim the star."

This inscription, to be found inscribed in an entryway at Williams College expresses the spirit of Totomoi, MBA's honor fraternity. Tapping into Totomoi represents the ultimate honor available to an MBA student.

In order to qualify for membership, a boy must excel in at least three of the following fields: student government, athletics, scholarship, organizations, publications, and citizenship. Eight seniors and three juniors who have given selflessly of their time and ability were initiated into Totomoi in a special ceremony on March 7. The eleven boys tapped were seniors Tom Roady, Sandy Haury, Mike Tidwell, Aaron Brown, David Salmon, Steve Neff, Bob Lochte, Chris Riddell, and juniors Barry Banker, Brett Kirkpatrick, and Barrett Sutton. Tappings were conducted by Dr. Sager, Mr. Carter, and Mrs. Patterson, all members of the fraternity.

In the field of student government, student body president Tom Roady and Honor Council president Sandy Haury lead the field. Mike Tidwell is grand high potentate of the second-period study hall and secretary of the Senior Class; Chris Riddell is vice-president of the student council; Aaron Brown is vice-president of the Honor Council; Barry Banker presides over the Class of '69, which Barrett Sutton represents on the Honor Council.

Athletics probably represents the greatest field of endeavor of the Classes of '68 and '69. The above seven leaders were all key men on the State Championship football squad of 1967, Roady and Haury being co-captains. Haury also plays right field on the varsity baseball team, while Brown leads the shotput squad on the track

team. Roady, Tidwell and Banker all are members of the baseball team. Brett Kirkpatrick, the number three wrestler in the state, has long been a prominent member of the grappling team which chose him for its captain for the '68 season.

Scholastically, Steve Neff, Aaron Brown, David Salmon and Barrett Sutton have each garnered an innumerable total of scholastic medals and have represented MBA at various state scholastic contests. Brown and Neff are National Merit Finalists, while Salmon holds a letter of commendation. Banker is a card-carrying member of the Senior Honor Society.

In organizations, Salmon is presiding for his second year over the Dramatics Club, while Neff is vice-president. In the Forensic Club, Neff is president and Salmon vice-president. Riddell is president of the Service Club, of which Tidwell is treasurer of the Service Club.

In the field of publications Neff and Salmon are editors-in-chief of the BELL RINGER, while Brown is associate editor of both the Bell and the BELL RINGER. Roady and Haury head the Sports Staff of the Bell, while Tidwell lords it over the BELL RINGER's sports department. Kirkpatrick is associate editor of the BELL RINGER.

Citizenship, to, is a forte of the Senior Class. Roady was selected the class's most outstanding freshman; Brown was named most outstanding sophomore. Last year Haury won a special award for citizenship, while Brown was the recipient of the Sewanee Club Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Leadership. Banker last spring was chosen the most outstanding boy in his class.

Thus in every field and in every endeavor on the Hill may these seven boys be found providing leadership. It would be a tribute

to any Junior or Senior Class to possess so fine a crop of leaders.

## Haury Chosen All-American

Despite Joseph Addison's warning that "his not in mortals to command success," MBA's Sandy Haury has been one with both the initiative and the ability to make it to the top. In leading the Big Red football team to the State Championship, the Hill's famed "Bun Man" has collected a profusion of trophies, plaques, and other accolades. But the greatest of these was his selection in January to the High School All-American Team by *Scholastic Magazine*. Sandy was thus chosen as one of



Photo by R. Smead

the eleven best high school football players in the entire nation, and one of the two best in Tennessee.

Both Sandy and his running mate Tom Roady were also selected Honorable Mention on the *Coach and Athlete Magazine's* All-American Team. Haury, a 205-pound center, plans to attend Vanderbilt on a football scholarship. The BELL RINGER adds its congratulations to Sandy as well as its wishes for his future success.



# Letters to the Editor: Junior Achievement Protests Answered

January 10, 1968  
Editor  
The Bell Ringer  
Montgomery Bell Academy  
Harding Road  
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Dear Sir:

I would like to make a few comments on the "Letters to the Editor" which appeared in your December 20 issue.

First, I thoroughly agree with the anonymous writer's position that the students of Montgomery Bell Academy should give serious consideration to any movement, be it a revered institution or an entirely new one, before accepting or endorsing its principles.

Secondly, the writer makes the statement that capitalism is by far the best system of economics, then proceeds to find fault with the Junior Achievement movement for putting too much emphasis on making a profit. This, to me, is quite inconsistent, since the capitalistic system is completely dependent on the making of profits. This must be the prime goal of every company. Until a company is well established as a profit-maker and has set aside reserves for emergencies, it should never engage in community benevolences as suggested by the writer. Fortunately, most successful companies in this community have assumed their community obligations, including the support of schools like Montgomery Bell Academy.

Finally, I will have to disagree with the writer's appraisal of John Maynard Keynes as a great economist. I happen to be one of many who think that the Keynes theory of borrowing and spending your way to prosperity is an unsound theory, and as followed by Franklin D. Roosevelt and other New Dealers, has left this country and your generation with an almost unsurmountable debt. This, in turn, is bringing on dangerous inflation.

Sincerely yours,  
John E. Sloan  
Brentwood, Tennessee

There appeared in the last issue of the BELL RINGER a letter entitled "Junior Achievement Protested." The basic theory presented in this letter is that Junior Achievement teaches an economic system centered primarily around mercenary motives and self-interest.

The first element of this letter which comes to my attention is the "tag" that disclaims any responsibility on the part of the BELL RINGER staff. It amuses me that the letter begins: "It has come to the attention of the editorial board of the BELL RINGER. This has also been the first time I have been aware of reading a 'letter to the editor' that was not signed or did not at least carry the message 'name withheld.'"

In regard to the statement that Junior Achievement "preaches enlightened self-interest" and teaches a system which has little regard for the welfare of the community, I wish to point out that the recent Public Opinion Research Corporation survey reveals that students who have been active in Junior Achievement are far more active in community affairs than those students who have not had the benefit of Junior Achievement. There are hundreds of cases where individual companies and achiever associations have participated in local and national charity programs, and also in most areas the income tax paid by a J.A. Company goes into scholarship funds, etc.

While it might be true that Junior Achievement does not have a special course in "love thy neighbor," the very basis of the program is founded upon the theory, "appreciate the value of your neighbor and realize that without his contribution of time and talent the American Free Enterprise system could not possibly succeed."

John Testement

## Senior Class: Abusor or Abused

This year's Senior Class is a study in paradoxes and contrasts. To assure oneself of the academic leadership of the class, one need only glance at the list of Merit Finalists and the College Board scores. Yet this class has had one of the highest attrition rates in the recent history of M.B.A. This is the class which led the Big Red to its first state championship in over a decade, and this is the class that produced the school's first High School All-American. Yet this same class has had some of its members cheer for opposing basketball teams and has had many of its number fail to attend any games at all. This is the class which Mr. Carter has called "one of the best ever when it comes to volunteering for service projects," yet, it is one of the few in recent years to make so much noise in the Honor Room as to disturb other classes and have its privileges temporarily removed. What are the reasons behind these apparent contradictions?

The library has been the scene of many transgressions. Granted, the seniors have, perhaps, abused their privileges in the library; however, fluctuating policies and changing rules have made it difficult for students to maintain the high level of discipline expected from an M.B.A. student. If a perfectly silent library is desired, it should have been demanded from the first day of school. Instead, for one complete term, conversations were allowed in the library during certain periods. Then, suddenly, silence was the rule; and any Senior risked demerits by his mere presence in the library. Conditions have become so strained that Seniors cannot talk in groups in the halls without arousing vehement comments about insubordination, imagined or real. The feeling that students have become insolent, whether factual or groundless, has become so widespread as to make simple lapses of memory grounds for the assessment of demerits. What is the solution to this problem? A big step in the right direction will be the completion of the new library. With more room, there would be places where students could congregate for "bull-sessions" without disturbing those who wish to study. However, our campus's newest edifice should not be reviewed as the panacea for all the ills of the student-faculty relationship.

A well-defined policy on the school rules should be set up and announced or posted conspicuously. This should not be an attempt to control every movement of a student. We students are not at M.B.A. to be policed; we are here to learn. If, as we all were told when we came to "the Hill," an M.B.A. boy is "a gentleman, scholar, and athlete," let him be treated as such. To those who would wish for a more mature Senior Class, this writer would suggest that maturity comes through responsibility. If we are under an Honor System, let it truly be an Honor System. Let each boy who wishes to receive the finest education in the South stay at M.B.A. and accept his responsibilities as well as his privileges; and let all those who do not, go their separate ways.

## WHEN THE CHEERING STOPPED

All you wildly cheering, hysterical fans can relax now. The basketball season is over. There is no more need for our thunderous pep rallies or our inspiring cheerleaders. (As for just how many there are, nobody seems to know. In order to avert suspicion, they always avoid being seen together.) No more do you brave hostile crowds and dirty gyms to support your team. It is too bad that many of you seemed to have missed out on a little of this fun. I am quite sure, however, that the team never noticed your absence.

It is admittedly much easier to cheer for a team that hardly ever needs it than it is to cheer for five boys who know that they are so far behind that they cannot win. They keep trying, but one thing remains certain: nobody else does. Certainly they are just as dedicated and have at least as much courage as anybody else. It requires more spirit than most people possess to play at North or Pearl in less-than-perfect conditions without even four familiar faces in the crowd. Not even our graceful football grid-ders practiced on Sunday morning as did the basketballers.

After the second Ryan game, one impartial observer, upon being informed of the score, said, "69, that's about right for MBA." It angers some people to hear such talk, believe it or not. If it does not arouse you, then do not hold your breath for next year's season, because it is people like you who will probably make next year just about as spirited as this year. Congratulations.



Rebellion!!! Fanatic zeal illumines eyes of fanatical Gus Kuhn who illumines student activity card in protest.

## Need For Fine Arts

Montgomery Bell Academy is termed a "classical school," where the emphasis of the educational experience is placed upon the solid, traditional subjects of four years of English, four years of mathematics, two years of laboratory science, and four years of a foreign language. Obviously, certain basic cultural experiences are altogether neglected. These basics include first an art history course, and second an introduction to the history of music. It is indeed ironic that MBA, so academically superior, should remain so culturally inferior.

If a student plans to enter into engineering or some other technological field in college, he could forever remain totally ignorant of these two intrinsics for educated living. That such a possibility actually exists can only be regarded as a slur upon our educational system. No person can truly claim a full education without some knowledge of the history of art, such as the French Impressionist Movement; nor can he be adequately cultured without at least some appreciation for classical music, for instance Bach or Tchaikovsky.

It might be added that many colleges, in their lists or requirements for high school courses, specify art, music, or both. MBA has presently provided an art course which, while a substantial improvement, does not teach the history of this vast and meaningful area of the humanities. The MBA Chorus is likewise a significant advancement; although it too leaves the student ignorant of the trends and styles of this beautiful artistic outlet.

The editor of the Bell challenges a great school to add some of the basic cultural and fine arts courses to its curriculum. "We must ever strive toward the ideal," Ralph Waldo Emerson once warned us. It is sad to note that in these two vital areas, music and art, MBA falls so far short of the ideal that it has approached so closely in other fields. We can yet hope, however, that the above-mentioned activities will form the nucleus of a Fine Arts Department that will make MBA more truly deserving of the high reputation that it enjoys.

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## Speaking of Sports

By Mike Tidwell

Let us now, at the close of another basketball season, stop and take a moment to look to the future as well as at the past. Our basketball team ended the season with a 9-10 record. There have been better years, but let us not forget that there have certainly been many worse. Basically composed of juniors, this year's squad played one of the toughest hardwood districts in Nashville and came out with a near .500 season. The players fought hard for their victories and gave up their losses reluctantly. Led by senior Larry Herbert and playmaker Berry Holt, the team certainly deserves a lot more credit than the aloof student body saw fit to give them. Based mainly upon a few faithful supporters and the J.V. team, the Big Red cheering section was never quite adequate. The faces which were always seen at the games seldom represented even the token support of the student body. Let us applaud the team and uproot the apathy and indifference of the students.



White Power

Photo by J. Campbell

As we look forward, we find the view not nearly so bleak. Last year's Western-Division Champion baseball team can give a repeat performance if its pitching staff can be beefed up. Although the loss of five of the nine starters was a large blow to MBA's team, pitcher Jeff Peoples and second baseman Berry Holt, both juniors, return, with seniors Sandy Haurly, in right field, and Larry Herbert, catching, all to form a nucleus for this year's squad. Several young boys may have a chance to help the team if they develop properly. To Coach Bennett, the key to success will be "pitching and defense," and if the necessary gaps can be filled, the team should be highly successful.

The track team is still plagued with two major problems—no support and no track. With a field largely made up of underclassmen, the track team must look forward to a lot of hard work in order to achieve success. Led by several returnees, including Mike Simon, Bim Glasgow, and Dave Alexander, the track team will be a rugged adversary for any Big Red opponents this spring.

The MBA Swimming team, composed of Tousey Wilson and Collins Landstreet, has also made a fine showing this season. On February 2, our duo traveled to Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, to participate in one of the largest meets of the nation. Competing with swimmers and divers from Illinois to Florida, Tousey placed third in his freestyle division with an excellent time, and Collins won the diving competition, topping some twenty-five opponents. Congratulations are due to this almost unrecognized team which has so well represented the school this year.

Editorial

## J. V. Rebounds

This year's junior varsity basketball team, the second in a row to be dominated by the class of '69, finished the season with a 10-6 record. Led by playmaker Bert Dale, leading scorer George Copple, and top rebounder John Gibson, the team registered wins over Ryan, East, and BGA, along with some lesser opponents. After a loss to Pearl, the Big Red rolled to a 9-2 midseason record before a rather disappointing three-game losing streak at the end of the year. One of the top games of the season ended in defeat when time ran out on a 25-point rally against Ryan. This was capped, however, by a convincing defeat of previously once-beaten East. With some fine young sophomores, notably Edwin Milam and Jay Ramsey, the future of MBA basketball, both J.V. and varsity, looks bright. The

J.V. wishes to thank Mr. Ridgway for devoting his time and ability to the coaching of the team.

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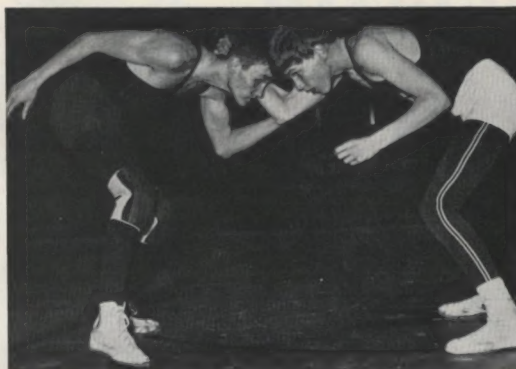


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"Look into my eyes," said the Spider to the Fly moments before Smith puts opponent on back.

## Grapplers Pin Winning Record

The recent arrival of about ten never-before-seen-on-campus characters has led to an investigation by this staff. The super-sleuthing disclosed that these obese characters were not really renegades from diet pills, but actually were members of the MBA wrestling team, who had just eaten for the first time in three and a half months. Despite their present condition, this year's wrestling team turned in a typically outstanding record. Since the team started ten years ago (the first in Nashville) under the coaching of none other than Mr. Carter himself and his wife "Killer," MBA has dominated the sport, always finishing within the top three. This year was no let-down as the team went to a record of 9-1. Their only loss was to Ryan, who later won the Regional Tournament and was second in the City. The winner of the City Tournament, Donelson, was handily knocked off by the Big Red.

Of the starting twelve team members who led the team to a third place in the City and a fourth in the Regional, eight will return next year. Senior losses include co-captains John Harlan (second in City and Regional tournaments), and Jimmy Porter (fourth in City tourna-

ment), Philip Robinson (second in the City tournament), and Bill Blackman (fourth in Regional tournament). Returning will be Bill Knox (95 pounds), Deaver Collins (103), Clyde Smith (112), Brett Kirkpatrick (127), Bud Curtis (136), Bill Davenport (145), Steve Burkhalter (180), and Tom Sharp (heavyweight). Kirkpatrick placed first in the City Tournament in his weight class, first in the Regional, and third in the State. Smith was second in both the City and the Regional. Curtis was third in the City and fourth in the Regional Tournament. Davenport was fourth in the City and the Regional. Smith and Kirkpatrick have been elected as next year's co-captains. Kirkpatrick was named the team's outstanding wrestler.

With the completion of its wrestling pavilion and prospects from the intramural wrestling tournament, the team is looking forward to another great year—with an excellent chance of winning the City and Regional Tournaments, and providing some possible state championships for the school. Regardless of the outcome, since the majority of the team is going to wrestling camp over the summer; 1969 will definitely be another great year.

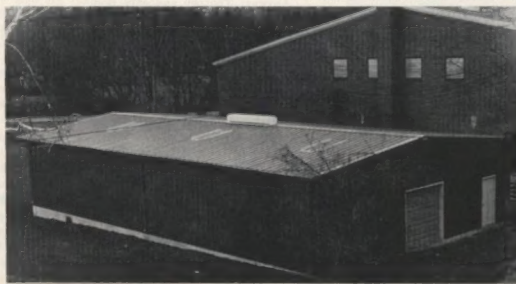
## Cagers Chalk It Up

The 1967-68 varsity basketball season ended with a 10-12 record for the team; nevertheless, these results are quite deceiving. The season started off disastrously, as the Big Red suffered consecutive defeats at the hands of BGA, Lipscomb, Dickson (in the Franklin Invitational Tournament), Cohn, and Pearl, while lodging in only one win, over West, in between. Then the team found itself winning five straight over Cohn, BGA (68-49), TPS (76-31), West, and Lipscomb. The team then alternated, scoring wins over Howard (twice), TPS, and Peabody, as opposed to losses to North (twice), Ryan, Peabody, and East. MBA lost in the first round of the 18th District Tournament to Peabody and was eliminated.

In spite of the record, a more valuable substance was gained—experience. Seven new members were added to last year's

team, and all of them gained valuable game experience. Basketball is a game of quickness, where the player often cannot stop to think about his next move. The two graduating seniors, Captain Larry Herbert and Bobby Sadler, had perhaps their finest years ever, providing outstanding leadership for the entire squad. The future of basketball at MBA is quite promising, with eight of ten members of the squad returning, including four starters. Next season rests in the hands of Jeff "Hot Dog" Peoples, "Pistol Pete" Holt, Charles "Bang Bang" Tygard, Bill "The Bomb" Husband, as well as Buckwheat Banker, Bruce Jones, Teddy McNabb, and sophomore Ed White.

Finally, the team's thanks is directed toward its coach, Mr. John Bennett. Only through his incessant efforts did it make the progress necessary for improvement.



Curry Gymnasium watches fondly over offspring, the new MBA wrestling pavilion.





Photo by R. Smead

Seniors sport Le Mans start for Florida at signal of referee Tom Rody.

## Paradise Lost

To show that any complaints by juniors concerning Mr. Poston's English III Class are merely evidence of their own laziness, here is an example of a typical English III class on Thursday:

Mr. Poston: I hope you enjoyed writing themes last night; with a topic like "Biblical Allusions in *Gulliver's Travels*," I'm sure that you did. Now take out one sheet of paper and we'll have a short pop test to raise your grades. Quit crying, Magruder, and get out a piece of paper. Question one: what is the most significant fact about George Wither?

Number two: who raped the lock in Pope's mock epic? Number three: true or false; the answer to number one is that there is no significant fact about George Wither.

"The answer to number one is that there is no significant fact about George Wither. The answer to number two is 'the baron.' Actually, I'm giving you that one because the lock of hair was not really assaulted; it was clipped with a pair of scissors. The answer to number three is 'maybe.' If you put 'true,' count off twelve; if you put 'false,' count off eighteen. Your assignment for tomorrow is to finish *Moby Dick*, memorize the etymology, and read pages 313-402, 404-497 in your textbook. We'll cover the Eighteenth Century today, the Nineteenth tomorrow, and have a test on Monday. Also for Monday, take the next thirty-two words in the vocabulary workbook."

Poston: Give 38 bird images in *Macbeth*. Barton: That's a foul question.

Poston: Yes I guess it really laid an egg. (Copple snickers)

Tygard: Shut up, Copple.

(Apfel breaks up; Jones squirms; and Banker guffaws.)

Walker: And the loud laugh that spoke the vacant mind.

Davenport: Will you explain this poem "The Lamb," Mr. Poston?

(Dubuisson roars.)

(Copple leans forward and whispers to Tygard. He points to Walker.)

(Copple, Tygard, Wilson snicker. Apfel breaks up. Kirkpatrick moans and looks for restroom.)

Poston: Where are those 38 images?

Barton: Seek to know no more.

Poston: Tell me not, sweet, I am unkind. Magruder: Why so pale and wan, fond lover?

(Dubuisson blushes—Kirkpatrick leaves for restroom muttering, "Better to reign in hell than serve in heaven.")

Poston (now grading papers with a red pen): Will all Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hand?

Copple: Don't grade so hard! Remember, "To err is human, to forgive divine."

Poston: But bearlike I must fight the course.

(Apfel breaks up.)

## From The Class of '68

Most MBA students are associated with some of the school's more prominent extracurricular organizations, such as the Service Club, the Big Red Club, the Forensic Club, and so on. But most of the school's smaller but equally important clubs have gone unnoticed by the majority of the student body. It is our purpose to reveal these organizations to the student body, thus bringing them to the prominence they so greatly deserve.

While most of the Senior Class speed down the Sunshine Parkway in search of epicurean delights in sunny Ft. Lauderdale, the members of the MBA Ski Club will be heading towards Colorado. "We chose the slopes of Vail and Merimonte because of the inadequacy of the Gatlinburg slopes to fill our thirst for adventure," commented Richard (Charliet) Cannon, President of the Club. David Salmon, vice-president, specializes in the Grand Slalom and the downhill speed competition; while the ninety-meter jump is the forte of the secretary-treasurer Dick Smead. Cannon possesses the unheralded and amazing skill of being able to fall off his skis in 90 different ways without injuring his guitar-plucking fingers, valued at \$10,000. "My only problem," said Cannon, "is that I have not as of yet been able to find a way to stand up."

While most students spend their Friday and Saturday nights at the Warner Park Drive-In or at the Roller-Drome, the members of the MBA Culture Club can be found dining at Mario's or St. Claire's, or perhaps taking in a symphony, or maybe even sitting on the banks of Radnor Lake,

reading Thoreau and communing with nature. Because this organization believes in the importance of each individual's soul, the club has no officers; and each member is addressed as "Friend." Wade Pitts, Charlie Nelson, Collins Landstreet, Walter Bond, Bob Lochte, and David Salmon are the "Friends" of this society.

Another club important at MBA is the "Lovers of Socrates" Club. Headed by President Bill Caldwell, the club includes such students as Kinny Cosner, Doug Coulter, and Tom Groover. The members may be seen wandering around the parking lot after school, asking such existential questions as, "Will you give me a ride to Moon's?" or, "Going my way?" Usually the members end up going with President Caldwell in his G.T.O. Though the destination of the members is unknown after the departure from the school grounds, it is generally assumed that they go to some secret clubhouse in order to conduct their meetings.

The new and growing MBA club is off to a great start in '68, having been founded only a few months earlier by its number one member Gary Moats and now being ably led by Jackson H. Namath. Moats receives aid from the other officers: Sanford (Dino) Man—Vice-President; Big Dick Smead—Secretary-Treasurer; and Mike D. Head—Sergeant-at-Arms. Those boys have worked hard to get such renowned pledges as T. Barton, D. McKee, J. Markus, and J. Cannon; the brothers of the latter two having been expelled recently from the club for disciplinary reasons. The V-neck undershirt seems to be the club dress this year but the Davy Crockett plaids are not completely out. John Harlan was recently presented the Member-of-the Year Award of '67 for his phenomenal buttering-up techniques. We are looking for a repeat performance in '68, John; our congratulations are out to you! This club is sure to grow greater, as more and more students are prospective rushees for '69.

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### TRASH!

Mr. Carter: "I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings."

Neff: "Seventeen times on Thursday night."

Brown: "Easy!"

Moats: "That could put you in my new club."

English IV: Another 25 minute test in 5 minutes.

R. Rose: "Well, gimme back my love letters."

Kuhn: "He's a money-grubbing capitalist."

Chaffin: "Thursday is bloodletting day."

Haurry: "She has been a little disagreeable lately."

Lochte: "Charlie T. is dead."

Harris: "Awh gyoshi!"

Pitts: "Charlie T. lives."

Mrs. Lowery: "If I had been a Puritan, they would have burned me as a witch."

Mr. Crowell: "Brown, leave Wallman alone."

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## Junior Cuts

The rather dubious honor of discussing the Junior Class Party has befallen this heroic group—perhaps more heroic than its predecessor. At any rate, we authors suggest that such a festive occasion be held in concurrence with the Brotherly Order of the Seven Hills Sunday School Group. However, since the Pre-Dawn Leftist has assigned itself as the voice of our class, we shall leave the specific arrangements for our party to the editors of that peerless spokesman for all free-thinking and broadminded juniors. Perhaps, if they succeed in this undertaking, Soul Brothers Apfel, Walker, and Wilson will receive award sweaters or be exempt from pop tests.

Congratulations to Brett Kirkpatrick for winning his weight division in the Regional Wrestling Tournament. In other athletic action, a twelve-man squad of juniors (soccer players and weight-lifters) suffered a heart-breaking, two-point defeat at the hands of the faculty in a double-overtime basketball game. Howard Rhett had sixteen points for the juniors, but "Fistol Pete" Tillman pumped in thirty-one leading the teachers to victory. The juniors plan revenge in a forthcoming re-match (heh, heh, heh).

If you think any of the "honors" classes are for the "brains," these quotes from Mr. Poston's first-period English Class will show you how wrong you are.

Copple: "That's pitiful, Mr. Poston; do you really think that's a significant quote? What's so important about Robert Burns anyway?"

Apfel: "Mr. Poston didn't notice my empty fifth. I wish I had my iridescent beads."

Magruder: "If you satirize the President today, the FBI will get you for sure!"

Copple: "Magruder, you couldn't make love to your fist!"

Banker, Alexander } "Of course football  
Peerman, Sutton } players get special  
                              } treatment around  
                              } here; they deserve  
                              } it!"

Watch out Florida, 'cause here we come!!

—The Pre-Dawn Leftist



Photo by R. Smoad

Quarterback Bart Starr parries the barrage of questions hurled by enthralled MBA seniors.

## Students See Starr

On Tuesday, February 20, MBA was honored by the presence of one of the greatest professional athletes of our time Bart Starr. Mr. Starr, quarterback of the World-Champion Green Bay Packers and mastermind of three N.F.L. championships, spoke to the student body in a special assembly. A representative of the Pepsi Cola Company and of Beaman Bottling Works here in Nashville, Mr. Starr addressed the students on the importance of proper attitude and hard work to success. After his prepared text, he answered questions posed by the students and faculty, pertaining to all phases of professional football. In response to the question, "What did you say to your teammates in the huddle before the winning touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys?", Mr. Starr elicited roars of laughter with, "I told Jerry Kramer, 'If you can move your man about two feet back and two feet to the left, I think we'll all be \$20,000 richer.'" It is assumed that the visit to the Hill of such a highly popular celebrity will not soon be forgotten.

## Freshman Follies

Since midterm exams, things have settled down a little for the Frosh. Basketball was big news as our big team was led by Peerman, Summers, Hickerson, Lipscomb, and Young. Latin, however, proved to be the #1 killer; but under the aid of Mrs. Sims, Bob Lochte (a member of the fabulous Senior Class), and some other dedicated tutors, we have pulled through without much loss of blood. Incidentally, for all the Frosh wearing "lucky" orange socks, Charlie Toobstake is not our headmaster; rather (dashing half-naked from a nearby phonebooth) he proves to be none other than "Little Richie" Cannon.

Rumor has it that Sutton is trying to throw together a few all-stars (from the Freshman class) for a "sequel" Charlie T. "Rhythm and Blues" is to come out in four years. Our class is secretly plotting a class celebration (not another one of those) to be held as soon as Bung gets a permit from Metro. We also plan to sell tickets (for only one dollar apiece) to the Freshman All-star Revue (April 1 at 7:30) to pay for our party. To help out Bodo is going to sell psychedelic posters for three dollars (money-grubbing capitalist), and Mr. Watson is going to string tennis rackets and violins for ten dollars (and that takes guts!). Fred Glasser is going to sell his hair, and Joe Linn has figured out an ingenious scheme for car dry-cleaning. Those immortal friends, Collins and Thompson have set up a legitimate (?) poker game in the new library. Hazelhurst and Brittingham are setting up a shooting gallery (heh, heh) in the gym.

Other than the Big Bash, the only other news is what rumor picks up in the lunchroom—athlete's foot, hoof-and-mouth disease, drumsticks, and legs of lamb.

Class Trash

### Frosh Extra

Attention psychedelic crowd, there is a real danger in marijuana! Two fellow students under the influence of grass went blind after staring at Harold Crump's sun socks for 20 minutes! It is rumored that there will be a total eclipse of these socks on May 1 at 12:05 p.m. The eclipse will be visible in northwestern Europe and in eastern United States north of Atlanta, Georgia. Warning: Do not forget your smoked glasses.

Bondo Caine

## Sophomore Insights

"Way down deep in the asphalt jungle, Cab Calloway lives and we just want to say to him, 'Hi, Curly.'" Rusty Bright replied when he was asked what he wants to be when he grows up—"A sot." Bill Cole denies that he is in love with the Queen, but claims he is the only man who introduces the Queen to her subjects, and he causes her to get attached to them. The couple of the month is Bill Floyd and Mrs. Fryer. The same blinding problem seems to be getting into Marshall Trammell and David Toma that Wardlaw Steele was worrying about. It is now known that Steve Eszell's house has clean restrooms; and he wants people to keep them that way, because he has been known to let his senses fly.

A few other interesting facts: Jim Calloway uses hair spray; Ed White isn't; David McKee is for real. We would like to recognize our fantastic soccer managers Henry Todd and Eddie ("Butterball"; "The K"; "Pumpkin Bunt"; "Peanut Head") Voorhees.

Sympathetically—Wart, Feeb, Squirrel.

## From The Attic

The seventh and eighth graders held their annual Valentine Dance on February 9; and, except that the music was too loud, it was a real smash. Rick Owenbey and his date won the Slow Dance Contest in the Seventh Grade category, with fox-trotting Steve Howell and his date taking the coveted first-place title in the Eighth. Willis Farris, leader of the fabulous combo "The Chain Reactions" and his date Anne Winn Caldwell won the first place title with Alec "Soul" Graham close behind. The seventh and eighth graders wish to thank all who helped give the party.

In the way of sports this season, the junior school did very well. The wrestling team lost only its first two matches, finishing with a three-two record. The wrestlers amassed a total of 188 points as opposed to ninety-nine for its various opponents.

The mighty microbe basketball team finished a very successful season with an eleven-two record, losing only to Clarksville and St. Edward's in close games. It is impossible to single out any one player as they all did a fine job, scoring over five hundred points to their opponents' 252.



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The Patrick Wilson Library, MBA's grandest edifice, rapidly nears completion.

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## Speaking of Sports

By Mike Tidwell

Let us now, at the close of another basketball season, stop and take a moment to look to the future as well as at the past. Our basketball team ended the season with a 9-10 record. There have been better years, but let us not forget that there have certainly been many worse. Basically composed of juniors, this year's squad played one of the toughest hardwood districts in Nashville and came out with a near .500 season. The players fought hard for their victories and gave up their losses reluctantly. Led by senior Larry Herbert and playmaker Berry Holt, the team certainly deserves a lot more credit than the aloof student body saw fit to give them. Based mainly upon a few faithful supporters and the J.V. team, the Big Red cheering section was never quite adequate. The faces which were always seen at the games seldom represented even the token support of the student body. Let us applaud the team and uproot the apathy and indifference of the students.



White Power

Photo by J. Campbell

As we look forward, we find the view not nearly so bleak. Last year's Western-Division Champion baseball team can give a repeat performance if its pitching staff can be beefed up. Although the loss of five of the nine starters was a large blow to MBA's team, pitcher Jeff Peeples and second baseman Berry Holt, both juniors, return, with seniors Sandy Haury, in right field, and Larry Herbert, catching, all to form a nucleus for this year's squad. Several young boys may have a chance to help the team if they develop properly. To Coach Bennett, the key to success will be "pitching and defense," and if the necessary gaps can be filled, the team should be highly successful.

The track team is still plagued with two major problems—no support and no track. With a field largely made up of underclassmen, the track team must look forward to a lot of hard work in order to achieve success. Led by several returnees, including Mike Simon, Bin Glasgow, and Dave Alexander, the track team will be a rugged adversary for any Big Red opponents this spring.

The MBA Swimming team, composed of Tousey Wilson and Collins Landstreet, has also made a fine showing this season. On February 2, our duo traveled to Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, to participate in one of the largest meets of the nation. Competing with swimmers and divers from Illinois to Florida, Tousey placed third in his freestyle division with an excellent time, and Collins won the diving competition, topping some twenty-five opponents. Congratulations are due to this almost unrecognized team which has so well represented the school this year.

Editorial

## J. V. Rebounds

This year's junior varsity basketball team, the second in a row to be dominated by the class of '69, finished the season with a 10-6 record. Led by playmaker Bert Dale, leading scorer George Copple, and top rebounder John Gibson, the team registered wins over Ryan, East, and BGA, along with some lesser opponents. After a loss to Pearl, the Big Red rolled to a 9-2 midseason record before a rather disappointing three-game losing streak at the end of the year. One of the top games of the season ended in defeat when time ran out on a 25-point rally against Ryan. This was capped, however, by a convincing defeat of previously once-beaten East. With some fine young sophomores, notably Edwin Milam and Jay Ramsey, the future of MBA basketball, both J.V. and varsity, looks bright. The

J.V. wishes to thank Mr. Ridgway for devoting his time and ability to the coaching of the team.

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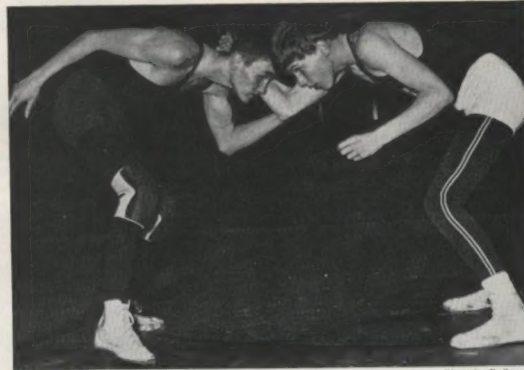


Photo by R. Smead

"Look into my eyes," said the Spider to the Fly moments before Smith puts opponent on back.

## Grapplers Pin Winning Record

The recent arrival of about ten never-before-seen-on-campus characters has led to an investigation by this staff. The super-sleuthing disclosed that these obese characters were not really renegades from diet pills, but actually were members of the MBA wrestling team, who had just eaten for the first time in three and a half months. Despite their present condition, this year's wrestling team turned in a typically outstanding record. Since the team started ten years ago (the first in Nashville) under the coaching of none other than Mr. Carter himself and his wife "Killer," MBA has dominated the sport, always finishing within the top three. This year was no let-down as the team went to a record of 9-1. Their only loss was to Ryan, who later won the Regional Tournament and was second in the City. The winner of the City Tournament, Donelson, was handily knocked off by the Big Red.

Of the starting twelve team members who led the team to a third place in the City and a fourth in the Regional, eight will return next year. Senior losses include co-captains John Harlan (second in City and Regional tournaments), and Jimmy Porter (fourth in City tourna-

ment), Philip Robinson (second in the City tournament), and Bill Blackman (fourth in Regional tournament). Returning will be Bill Knox (95 pounds), Deaver Collins (103), Clyde Smith (112), Brett Kirkpatrick (127), Bud Curtis (136), Bill Davenport (145), Steve Burkhalter (180), and Tom Sharp (heavyweight). Kirkpatrick placed first in the City Tournament in his weight class, first in the Regional, and third in the State. Smith was second in both the City and the Regional. Curtis was third in the City and fourth in the Regional Tournament. Davenport was fourth in the City and the Regional. Smith and Kirkpatrick have been elected as next year's co-captains. Kirkpatrick was named the team's outstanding wrestler.

With the completion of its wrestling pavilion and prospects for the intramural wrestling tournament, the team is looking forward to another great year—with an excellent chance of winning the City and Regional Tournaments, and providing some possible state championships for the school. Regardless of the outcome, since the majority of the team is going to wrestling camp over the summer; 1969 will definitely be another great year.

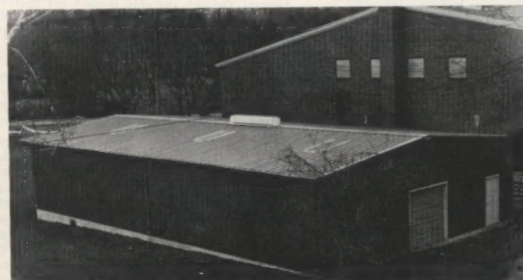
## Cagers Chalk It Up

The 1967-68 varsity basketball season ended with a 10-12 record for the team; nevertheless, these results are quite deceiving. The season started off disastrously, as the Big Red suffered consecutive defeats at the hands of BGA, Lipscomb, Dickson (in the Franklin Invitational Tournament), Cohn, and Pearl, while lodging in only one win, over West, in between. Then the team found itself winning five straight over Cohn, BGA (68-49), TPS (76-31), West, and Lipscomb. The team then alternated, scoring wins over Howard (twice), TPS, and Peabody, as opposed to losses to North (twice), Ryan, Peabody, and East. MBA lost in the first round of the 18th District Tournament to Peabody and was eliminated.

In spite of the record, a more valuable substance was gained—experience. Seven new members were added to last year's

team, and all of them gained valuable game experience. Basketball is a game of quickness, where the player often cannot stop to think about his next move. The two graduating seniors, Captain Larry Herbert and Bobby Sadler, had perhaps their finest years ever, providing outstanding leadership for the entire squad. The future of basketball at MBA is quite promising, with eight of ten members of the squad returning, including four starters. Next season rests in the hands of Jeff "Hot Dog" Peeples, "Pistol Pete" Holt, Charles "Bang Bang" Tygard, Bill "The Bomb" Husband, as well as Buckwheat Banker, Bruce Jones, Teddy McNabb, and sophomore Ed White.

Finally, the team's thanks is directed toward its coach, Mr. John Bennett. Only through his incessant efforts did it make the progress necessary for improvement.



Curry Gymnasium watches fondly over offspring, the new MBA wrestling pavilion.





Photo by R. Smead

Tears come to Cannon's eyes as Lochte gives his vocal rendition of old, forgotten songs.

## Cannon, Lochte Keep School Tuned

"Hey Little Richie, come blow your horn, You'll feel better come tomorrow morn."

The object of this Shakespearean verse is none other than the prodigal Cannon, Richard O. Surnamed for a well-known towel, unusually "dry," Little Richie has displayed his many skills, the latest of which is his faultless talent for bass violin playing. While significant, this does not begin to describe the role played by Richard as an MBA gentleman and scholar.

Richard is at present in his sixth year on the Hill, having entered seventh grade from Eakin Elementary School, where, among other offices, he served as captain of the safety patrol. His greatest pre-MBA triumph, however, rests in the fact that he went through his entire elementary school career without being given one single luncheon ticket for abnormally ostentatious behavior during lunch period. At MBA, Richard has served as the president of his Seventh Grade Class, and later as an honor council representative for his Freshman Class.

Scholastically, Richard has garnered the Ancient-and-Medieval History Medal and two APSL Latin awards. He is an active member of the Dramatics Club and the Chorus, and is in the classes staff of the *Bell* and the features staff of the *BELL RINGER*. In recent years, Richie has played on both the frosh and J.V. football teams.

But Richard is probably most popularly known by his fans as "Freak-Out" Richie, the soulful member of the "Five O'Clock Shadows" who plays guitar and lead blatz, and does a lot of general milling around. Little Richie is also the cornerstone of the most up-and-coming country group in Music City—Charlie Teobstake and the Lonesome Travelers ("Freak Out" is available every day in the lunchroom for autographs).

In addition to his fame as a scholar, musician, and inspiring leader, Richard is very active in many other phases of community life: he is a member of Woodmont Christian Church, where he serves

as president of the Christian Youth Fellowship. He is an active member of the Alpha Chi fraternity and is also the younger generation's bulwark of laissez-faire capitalism, as a reward for which the Establishment named him Achiever of the Month for December.

Richard's talents are so numerous that it is hard to tell how they will finally be used. Although at present he has no definite ambition, we predict that Little Richie will have a brilliant career as either a ticker-tape manufacturer, a brain surgeon, or a night-club trumpeter. The latter seems to be the most likely in view of his present activities. As he puts it, "I want to play in the smoke-filled barroom of life. Perhaps in only this way can I more fully realize the true meaning of man's life." (Statement slightly edited.)

Regardless of Richard's final choice, we are sure that, in view of the diligence that he has shown at MBA, he will be a success and a credit to those around him. He has certainly been so on the Hill.

Final note: Sorry, but we were unable to find out his carlobe size.

Question: What person, known for his satirical and witty humor, animated animal sounds, and impersonations, has graced MBA's campus for six years, to the dismay and horror of teachers and students alike?

Answer: The one and only Bob Lochte.

Bob has been a "personality" on campus since his arrival from Julia Green as a seventh grader. He has been varsity baseball manager for four years, a tour of duty which climaxed last spring in his outstanding imitation of Coach Bennett. He was also this year's varsity football manager.

He is presently vice-president of the Chorus, treasurer of the Dramatics Club, and features staff editor of *The Bell Ringer*. In a more studious aspect, he is one of the National Merit finalists. Bob won the Latin IV medal in his junior year and was also awarded by APSL Latin program.

Off campus Bob has been active

in Westminster Presbyterian Church, which he now serves as president of his youth fellowship group. He is treasurer of his Junior Achievement company. Alpha Chi fraternity is also graced with his membership.

Bob perhaps is more famous for his antics such as life-like animal sounds. Asking him to do one will result in your receiving a golden-toned imitation of sundry animals, giving the hearer inspiration to carry forth through the day, knowing that he has received an edification in the art of imitation.

To show the value of Bob by fellow students and teachers, this author conducted a survey asking various people for remarks concerning this mystic character that runs loose on our campus. In the words of Mr. Poston, "Worthless, no good, nonentity." Mrs. Hollins seems to capture the non-blased opinion of Lochte in saying: "Lochte has a wonderful sense of humor, intellect, and self importance." Mrs. Fryer adds to this with "All heart, except in the library." After asking for the opinion of students the author was forced to censor all others.

Bob perhaps sums up all with, "But Mrs. Hollins, I get along fine with everybody except you, Dr. Sager, and Mrs. Fryer."



Photo by R. Smead

Sloan calmly awaiting draft (draught).

## Sloan Plants Ivy on Hill

Mr. Paul Sloan enjoys a number of distinctions, the most noteworthy being that he is the only male on campus whose long hair has not been condemned to the tyranny of a pair of barber shears. He has been cast in a number of roles, ranging from Ivy League scholar to soldier of fortune in the California hills.

Teacher of English to the eighth and ninth grades and excitable coach of the Junior High Wrestling Team, Paul was born here in Nashville in 1945; he is the son of Mr. John Sloan, chairman of the board of directors at MBA.

Having spent six outstanding years on the Hill, Mr. Sloan graduated in 1963 and attended Williams College, where he majored in American History and Literature. What Williams contributed to his life, Mr. Sloan explains, is not merely some of the finest academic training available anywhere to any student, but also the opportunity to live in a completely different environment from what the South can provide. It enabled him to place in their proper perspective his life and his beliefs and to test them against those of others. "To solve some of the problems of life, not only theoretically, but practi-

cally," to borrow a line from Henry David Thoreau.

Two summers ago, while working on the Oroville Dam in Northern California with the Oman Construction Company, he and a friend, Mr. Coleman Harwell, decided to float down the Middle Fork of the Feather River in a rubber raft. There was, however, one major problem—no one had ever floated that section of the Feather and come out alive. Undaunted, they set out into the white water; after dodging many huge granite boulders, and after several portages, they emerged from the gorge, having covered ten miles in three days.

Other adventures in California included a wild motorcycle ride across the Mojave Desert. Another of Mr. Sloan's summer jobs was on a barge in the Mississippi River.

Today, he lives here in Nashville; a bachelor, he is at present dating Judy Hennessey. Mr. Sloan is an animal lover—he has a dog named Oddjob and is now training a horse to run in the Steeplechase. Mr. Paul Sloan thus provides for MBA a living example of a man who is at the same time scholar, social lion, and adventurer—Montgomery Bell Academy's own version of the Renaissance Man.



## The Belle

In a year when politics and politicians are the chief newsmakers, and vote-getting becomes the ultimate end of so many people's lives, it is indeed unusual to find a lady whose prowess in those areas can exceed even that of such masters as Lenore Romney, Lady Bird Johnson, and Lurleen Wallace. Miss Cathy Anderson, however, is just such a person; she is one of the most charming and delightful girls ever to grace the MBA campus. Having had two brothers on the Hill, she has been a constant figure on the scene, whether serving as a spaghetti supper waitress (four years) or merely attending campus events.

Cathy's greatest area of achievement is at her own school, Harpeth Hall, where she now serves as president of the Senior Class. She was vice-president of her junior class and is currently an active member in the French and Science Clubs and the Pen Staff.

Besides her administrative ability, Cathy has proven to be quite a scholar. She was State French Champion last year and was also selected to the Senior Honor Society. This year she became a National Merit Semi-finalist and later a Finalist. With such an enviable record, it is no surprise that she has already been accepted by the college of her choice, the University of North Carolina. For two

years, Cathy has also directed her class dramatic performances, both of which won their school contests.

Outside of school, Cathy is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and its youth fellowship group; she also belongs to the SAP Club. Add these activities to her school work and a hobby of painting and one can easily see why Cathy has so little time in which to play; reports indicate, however, that she has put that little time to very good use.

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